

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 454**HOUSE BILL NO. 2076**

By Representatives Maddox, Rowland, Gresham, Harry Brooks, Dunn, Watson

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1714

By Senators Herron, Raymond Finney, Marrero, Lowe Finney

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 56, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-5-56__.

(a) All students wishing to enter approved teacher training programs shall be required to:

(1) Agree to the release of all investigative records to the administrator of the selected teacher training program;

(2) Supply a fingerprint sample and submit to a criminal history records check to be conducted by the Tennessee bureau of investigation; and

(3) Sign an authorization and release form provided by the department or board, authorizing a qualified Tennessee licensed private investigation company by and on behalf of the board to complete a criminal history records check.

(b) As used in this subsection (b), "qualified Tennessee licensed private investigation company" means a company that is licensed by the department of commerce and insurance, insured with at least three million dollars (\$3,000,000) worth of errors and omissions insurance and carries sufficient indemnification coverage.

(c) Any reasonable costs incurred by the Tennessee bureau of investigation in conducting such investigation of an applicant shall be paid by the applicant. The applicant shall be provided a copy of all criminal history records check documentation. In lieu of additional criminal history records checks for subsequent applications to the selected teacher training program, the applicant may submit copies of the applicant's initial criminal history records check documentation and shall not be required to pay any additional costs.

(d) Any criminal history records check performed pursuant to this section shall not be submitted and used for the criminal history records check required under §49-5-413 for employment by an LEA or child care program as defined in §49-1-1102.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 7, 2007



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 18th day of June 2007



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR